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In re the Application of

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TREMOLO"

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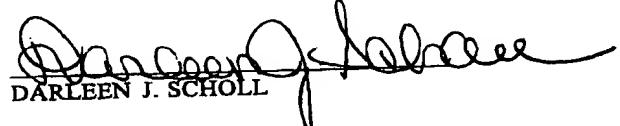
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Applicant's Reply Under 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Applicant's undersigned attorney would like to thank Examiner Schupe for the courteously conducted telephone interview of September 2, 1998 regarding the status of this application. As discussed during the interview, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner examine previously submitted claims 1-6 and 23-31, and withdrawal the finality of the Official Action date June 22, 1998.

In response to an Official Action dated October 29, 1997, Applicant submitted newly prepared claims 23-31. In the recent Official Action date June 22, 1998, the previous Examiner withdrew claims 23-31 as being directed to an non-elected invention. Applicant is unclear why the Examiner withdrew claims 23-31 since the Examiner acknowledged that the claims were directed to invention III, which is the elected invention. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider the withdrawal of claims 23-31 and promptly examine the claims. In addition, as discussed with Examiner Schupe during the telephone interview, Applicant's attorney respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider the restriction of claims 1-6 and 13-22 and examine